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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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September 26, 2005

Ms. Karen Majcher Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200 Washington, D. C. 20036

RE:

- (1) CC Docket No. 96-45
 Federal High Cost Support Certification
- (2) Rate Comparability Certification

Dear Ms. Majcher:

This letter is to advise you that the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("VSCC") has completed its 2005 annual certification procedure of use of federal universal service support in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314. Attached is a list of eligible carriers that have provided the VSCC with affidavits attesting that federal high-cost support funds received for the next year will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

In addition, this letter addresses the rural to urban rate comparability certification required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.316. To the best of our knowledge, and based on a review of the local exchange tariffs on file with the VSCC and other available information, we believe that rates in rural areas served by non-rural incumbent local exchange companies in Virginia are reasonably comparable to those in urban areas using the safe harbor provision's average residential rate of \$34.21.

A letter is also being sent to the Office of the Secretary at the Federal Communications Commission.

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Attachment .

: Carriers w/attachment

The Honorable Mark C. Christie

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The Honorable Theodore V. Morrison, Jr.

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VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION ELIGIBLE CARRIERS ATTESTING TO USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2005

- 1. Amelia Telephone Corporation
- 2. Burke's Garden Telephone Company
- 3. Central Telephone Company of Virginia
- 4. MGW Telephone Company
- 5. New Castle Telephone Company
- 6. NTELOS Telephone Inc.
- 7. Peoples Mutual Telephone Company
- 8. Roanoke & Botetourt Telephone Company
- 9. Shenandoah Telephone Company
- 10. United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.
- 11. Verizon South Inc.
- 12. Virginia Telephone Company